

## FARM DEPARTMENT.

Conducted by B. F. Sides.

### Still Raining.

Another week has passed and given farmers a chance to get some corn planted. Several are done planting, some are still plowing, and others are preparing their ground that they have plowed. We finished plowing for corn last Tuesday; and then, hitching four horses to the disk, we began preparing our ground for corn. We have known that the disk was a great tool for preparing the seed bed, but had never given it the show that we have this year. In place of running the disk over the ground as the plow left it, we ran the harrow ahead of the disk. And we gained two advantages by this; first, by harrowing ahead of the disk we make it easier walking for the team, and, second, the surface being level, the disk will go down deeper; instead of climbing around over the clods, it goes down and pulverizes the ground deeper, leaving us a good pulverized bed to plant our seed in. While I was discing I thought it was the prettiest work I had ever seen a disk do. Then Saturday morning, when I was ready to plant, I started the harrow ahead of the planter, getting the ground in the finest condition for corn I have had it. Then the ground was loose and level, and it was also fine planting. Then, by getting our ground in this condition before planting, it will give us a better chance to do good cultivating this summer. It will pay any farmer to put in some time in preparing his ground before planting rather than to plant ground in a rough condition that will make trouble in cultivating after the corn comes up.

### Corn Cultivation.

In the columns of this paper we have in the last few weeks taken up the subjects of selection and testing of seed corn, discing of ground before plowing, plowing and preparing the seed bed, and now comes planting and cultivation of corn. But as planting will be almost done by the time this is printed, I need not dwell on it.

The methods used will depend much upon condition. As to checking over drilling, the checked corn would allow cross plowing, which in some cases is a big advantage, especially on rich bottom land. When the weeds are coming the corn could be kept cleaner by cross-plowing. But drilled corn will withstand the hard winds better than checked corn, as the hill will catch the wind worse. I don't know that there is much difference in the yield. I always drill my corn. Of course, it takes close plowing when the corn is small to keep it clean.

Now, as to cultivation, if your ground has been thoroughly prepared, it will make it easier for you. The question is often asked, What tool do you use first in cultivating your corn? If I plant a piece of corn and it rains in a few days and forms a crust, I go in with the harrow and harrow my ground, going crossways, and in this way breaking the crust better than if you go the way the corn is planted. This is the first cultivation. After we had planted a piece in corn, a rain came and formed a crust, and just as soon as the ground was in good condition to work we went in and broke the crust, at the same time making our ground in still

better condition for cultivation, and now the corn is up, and in a few days, when it is big enough, we will begin plowing with our riding cultivator. I believe in close plowing, and also in deep plowing, while the corn is small, and as the corn grows don't plow so deep or close. The time to get the corn clean and keep the weeds from getting a start is the first plowing. If the weeds get a start, they will grow as fast or faster than the corn, and it is hard to cover them up. I like the work of one-horse turnip-plow for the first plowing, throwing the dirt away from the corn. But I found from last year's experience that the dirt can be thrown away with a cultivator also by using the fenders and setting our shovels a certain way. We threw the dirt away from our corn last year with good results, and that will be our first work with the cultivator this year. By setting the fenders just right, there was enough loose dirt fell into the row to cover up the grass, and in the next plowing we get this dirt back to our corn, again, making it about level and covering up the weeds that come up after the first plowing. It is a mistake to begin throwing all the dirt we can to the corn from the first plowing and by the third plowing have such a ridge to the row that there can be no more good done by plowing. Level cultivation is best. Small shovels are best for this. The poorest crop of corn I saw last year was raised by a man who began plowing his corn by throwing all the dirt he could to his corn; by the third plowing he was making a furrow close to his corn roots where he should have had it level, and when the dry weather came his corn died and did not make half a crop. (Cultivation concluded later on.)

The monthly crop report by the State Board of Agriculture, made public May 1, states that an unusually large acreage of corn will be planted. Only 59 per cent of land was plowed at that date, delay being caused by cold, wet weather. Only a small per cent of the crop planted, and the average condition for the State is given as 72 per cent of a possible 100. Outlook for a wheat crop not very satisfactory, a considerable acreage having been plowed up.

When you have your soil in what you consider good condition for planting go over it at least once more for good measure with harrow, disc or drag. Before planting is the time to prepare the seed bed.

Cold, cloddy soil is not conducive to the germination of seeds of any sort. The delay in planting that is utilized to thoroughly pulverize the surface soil while the ground is warming up will not be wasted time; seeds will germinate quickly and make rapid, strong growth.

Plant corn now, regardless of the signs of the moon.

Get your cultivators in trim for the time is soon coming to use them.

### ABSTRACTER.

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All orders placed with me will receive prompt attention. Phone No. 50.

SAM VANDIVORT,  
JACKSON, MO.



Evangelist W. C. Swope.

The revival services at the Methodist church increase in interest and power. Evangelist Swope is a unique preacher. He improves with acquaintance. He preaches rapidly, but holds the attention from first to last. His figures are unusual, but attractive; his illustrations catch the attention and illuminate his subject. He finds the haunts in which men live and deals fearlessly and faithfully with them about their sins. He is tender and gentle with the sinner, but trims him of his sins.

Some people are disposed to shrink from such bold preaching, but the times seem to us to demand faithful dealing with the follies and sins of the day. We notice that the people who need the help of fearless preaching like the preacher and respond to his call. We predict that the meeting will result in much good.

### Kurzeville.

Another ground-soaking rain here Saturday night and Sunday.

Some few people are done planting corn, and some have hardly commenced.

We have our new telephone line completed.

Rev. Heinke is busy fishing now in Caney Fork. There are lots of fish, but they seem to be rather small for the pan.

G. G. Kurre says it is nothing to read about Teddy killing three lions, and that he can beat that. He says he killed the biggest groundhog he ever saw with a monkey-wrench the other day.

The dance at Fred Suhr's Saturday night was well attended. All reported a good time.

Another croquet game was held here Sunday, also a base ball game, and once in a while a game of pitch for pastime.

H. F. Riehn went to Jackson Friday and got his leg hurt. He says the wagon ran over him. He must surely have been under the wagon instead of on top of it.

Emanuel Dalton went to Dunklin county on a visit to relatives and friends last week.

Dock Drum was buying up stock here last week. Dock is a good trader.

The little daughter of Bob Smith and wife died here Sunday morning and was buried Monday morning at the Lutheran graveyard. Rev. Heinke preached the funeral.

People are deeply interested in the telephone business.

C. A. and August L. Haupt went to Jackson Saturday and purchased a new buggy.

### Musical Instrument?

Do you want a good musical instrument—violin, banjo, guitar or other instrument? If so, I make the best on the market, and invite you to examine my goods before buying. Write or address

FRED NORTHDURFT,  
Whitewater, Mo.

### Closing Recitals at the J. M. A.

On Monday night, May 17, will occur the last number of the lecture course given by Col. T. W. Birmingham. This will consist of most excellent music and two high class comedies. The characters will be portrayed by Miss Flossie Kurre, Mrs. Wilson La Pierre, Miss Lillian Armstrong, Col. E. B. Loughridge, Major R. L. Crowe, Mr. Joe Williams. Those not holding reserved seats will find seats on sale at the usual place, the Jackson Drug Store.

On Tuesday night, at 8, Col. Birmingham will give a grand concert for the benefit of the Jackson Cemetery Association. This is one of the most worthy causes in the city of Jackson, and the beautiful way in which the ladies of the association keep up the cemetery, where repose the remains of those most dear to you in life, certainly merits your earnest support, and Recital Hall should be packed to its fullest capacity on this occasion. Reserved seats at the Jackson Drug Company.

On Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock, pianoforte recital by Miss Eva Margaret Sinamon, assisted by Mr. Joe Williams and Mr. Adolph Mueller.

On Thursday night, at 8 o'clock, recital by Miss Marie Weiss, Miss Behrens, Miss Lusk and Miss Helmkamp.

Saturday night, the 18th, at 8 o'clock, a miscellaneous program by Miss Frankie Lusk, Miss Louise Behrens, Miss Louise Helmkamp and Mr. Joe Williams.

On Monday night, the 24th, will occur the recital of the pupils of Mrs. Lulu Helmkamp. At this recital Miss Marie Weiss will sing, and Mrs. Helmkamp will be assisted also by vocal numbers by Col. Birmingham.

On Tuesday night, at 8, will occur the Art Reception. The Art class are making very elaborate preparations for this occasion, and it will be, in all, a very elegant affair.

On Wednesday night, the 26th, the Commencement exercises proper will occur. Rev. Marvin Haw, of the M. E. Church, delivering the class address.

The public is cordially invited to attend the recitals, and there is no charge.

### Mothers' Day.

The inclement weather kept many from attending the Mother's Day exercises at the Methodist Sunday school last Sunday, but still a good audience was there. The exercises were appropriate and expressive. Many expressed their love for their mothers, and attributed their success in life to a mother's counsel and prayers.

No one can too highly praise the mother. No matter what may have been the shortcomings or frailty of a mother, there is no one on earth who will do so much or love us so long as she. Children should love and obey the mothers, if living, and honor her memory if dead.

### Won't Slight a Good Friend.

"If ever I need a cough medicine again, I know what to get," declares Mrs. A. L. Alley, of Beals, Mo., "for, after using ten bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery and seeing its excellent results in my own family and others, I am convinced it is the best medicine made for Coughs, Colds and Lung Trouble." Everyone who tries it feels just that way. Relief is felt at once, and its quick cure surprises you. For Bronchitis, Asthma, Hemorrhage, Croup, LaGrippe, Sore Throat, pain in chest or lungs, it's supreme. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.



## Cape County Savings Bank

Capital and Surplus \$100,000

### Fruitland.

A. A. Goodman, living north of here, has been quite dangerously ill at times for the last few days with hemorrhage of the lungs.

Several people attended the closing exercises of our school last week, which was well done. Our school was well taught by Miss Mame Browning, and she is employed to teach again next winter.

C. A. Davis, who is clerk in a bank at Mountain View, has been visiting home and relatives for the past two weeks, but will return this week to his job.

Mrs. Mary Prayther of Advance is visiting her parents for a short time.

Guy Hausel and J. G. Master-son came home the first of the week, returning to their job at New Madrid.

A meeting was held here on Wednesday night of last week to in some way start a high school at this place. Quite a good crowd was present, and all seemed interested. Fruitland is some behind in the way of school advantages, but prospects are good for the future.

Some thought the only way to get a school for this winter was by a subscription school, as it would take about a year to arrange for about four districts to unite and arrange for a school here, so a committee of eight was appointed to get the sentiments of the people and see about what could be done. The meeting adjourned to meet Thursday night of this week. Scribbler.

### Physicians' Meeting.

The Southeast Medical Association had a very interesting meeting at Farmington last week. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, B. W. Hays, Jackson; vice-president, C. B. Fleming, Farmington; corresponding secretary, T. C. Allen, Bernie; secretary, W. S. Hutton, Farmington.

In addition to these, the following physicians were in attendance:

J. A. Atkinson, Morehouse; J. D. Porterfield, Cape Girardeau; J. W. Hall, Fruitland; A. H. Hamel, St. Louis; S. G. Cannon, Farmington; E. D. Senseney, St. Louis; O. E. Kendall, Sikeston; W. H. Wescoat, Oran; Wm. Nifong, Fredericktown; Frank Nifong, Columbia; W. R. Goodykoontz, Caledonia; H. L. Reid, Charleston; C. A. Sandles, Marble Hill; Chandler, Marble Hill; G. H. Eversole, Caledonia; J. L. Eaton, Bismarck; S. C. Schauter, Fredericktown; F. R. Newberry, Fredericktown; O. Halley and C. N. Davis, Fredericktown; J. C. Clark, Perryville; M. H. Topping and Frank Weber, Flat River; B. R. Downing, B. J. Robinson, F. L. Long, J. F. Harrison, F. S. Vernon, O. A. Smith, J. L. Haw, E. C. McCormick and J. H. English, of Farmington.

### THE DRIVE-WHEEL

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### J. M. A. Changes Hands.

Some time ago Col. T. W. Birmingham decided to leave Jackson, and Col. T. L. Hamlin was not exactly decided as to what he would do. These gentlemen have been in charge of the Jackson Military Academy for the past seven years, and in three more years the property will fall to those who are in charge. The understanding with the owners of the property seven years ago was that after a successful school had been conducted for ten years the property should belong to the person or persons who had charge of the school. Colonels Birmingham and Hamlin have sold their interests to J. B. Miller of this city. Mr. Miller has employed a strong faculty for next year, all University graduates. Col. Hamlin will remain here and manage the school. The school will continue a military academy, and it will be inter-denominational. In the selection of the six members of the faculty Mr. Miller has secured two Methodists, two Presbyterians and two Baptists.

We are glad that the school will continue with us, as it is a good thing for the town. It has not been as well patronized in the past by the people of the town as it should have been. We hope they will do better in the future. We need the school, and we should give it proper support. If rightly managed, the Academy need not interfere with the public school. Let the public school be a good one, and also let us have a good Military Academy.

We are sorry that Colonel Birmingham has decided to leave us, but we wish him success wherever he may go.

### Gravel Hill.

Hurrah for Bill! He has gone fishing. He says it takes less swearing to catch a carp than to have a lawsuit. He says he can win a lawsuit as quick as a cat can wink its eye when he gets his children trained up right.

Lee Crader and wife visited her sister, Mrs. A. M. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cochran visited their best friend Sunday and had quite an interesting time at the home of C. C. Smith.

J. N. Robins is doing quite a business now. He is handling all kinds of farm implements. By trading \$25 in cash with him you get a fine graphophone.

Jason Thomas is not doing much fishing this season.

A. M.

Thomas J. Akins has been appointed postmaster of St. Louis by President Taft.

The Missouri General Assembly has sent the submission of the prohibition amendment where the woodbine twineth and the whangdoodle mourneth for its first born—that is to say, they tax-rod it to its grave.